Tamil Nadu NGO's and Teachers are getting minimum of scale of pay :

(b) what are the States in which the scales of pay equate with the Central Government ;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce any idea to have national scales of pay ; and

(d) if not, what are the difficulties in introducing it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) No specific mention has been made by the Eighth Finance Commission in regard to pay scales of NGO's and Teachers in Tamil Nadu.

(b) No such information is maintained in Central Government because the matter falls under the State List.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Being a State subject, each State decides scales of its employee keeping in view its own financial resources and priorities.

Purchase of flat in Switzerland by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan

3808. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how did Shri Ajitabh Bachchan acquire the foreign exchange to the tune of about Rs. 80 lakhs for purchasing a flat in Montreaux (Switzerland) on April 3, 1986 ;

(b) how did he draw foreign exchange for travelling etc. as a resident Indian upto June 1986 and how much ;

(c) upto what date he was on the Board of some Indian companies and also the names and addresses of the companies ;

(d) from which date he became a Non-Resident Indian; and

(e) what is his present status and also the stage of the inquiry of FERA violations and other cases against him ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) Section 2(q) of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 defines a person resident outside India as a person who is not a resident in India. In terms of Section 2(p) of FERA, 73, a person resident in India means a citizen of India who has been staying in India but does not include a citizen who has gone out or stays out of India for or on taking up employment outside.

In the adjudication proceedings pursuant to the issue of two Show Cause Notices by the Enforcement Directorate to Shri Ajitabh Bachchan for alleged contravention of the provisions of FERA, the adjudicating authority has held that in terms of Section 2(p) read with Section 2(q) of FERA, Shri Ajitabh Bachchan has been a person resident outside India w.e.f. 28th February, 1986 and that the flat at Montreaux (Switzerland) was purchased and fully paid for as a part of overall business arrangement between Shri Ajitabh Bachchan's employer Arcopharma and himself. The proceeding under FERA have been dropped by the adjudicating authority as the charges for alleged contravention of FERA have not been established against Shri Ajitabh Bachchan.

Shri Ajitabh Bachchan was on the Board of IPCA Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Lotus Investment Pvt. Ltd., Abhim Investment Pvt. Ltd., Almoula Investments Pvt. Ltd. and Palash Investments Pvt. Ltd. upto 1st July, 1987.

Foreign Exchange, to wit, US dollars 1220 was drawn by IPCA Ltd. against its

blanket permit for export promotion in June 1986; this amount was utilised for Shri Ajitabh Bachchan's travels in June 1986.

Shri Ajitabh Bachchan continues to be a person resident outside India.

Import of luxury items

3809. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the value of each luxury item imported during the period from 1984 to 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : Import of consumer durables, which include luxury items, is not normally allowed. Some items of personal use are allowed under transfer of residence rules as baggage. Gifts of articles are also allowed in certain cases. In all such cases, no outflow of foreign exchange is involved. In the absence of specific mention of luxury items, it is not possible to furnish statistics of imports.

Foreign Debt Position of India

3810. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total outstanding foreign debt of India as at the end of March, 1988 ;

(b) what is the share of private debt (loans received from private sources like foreign banks and others) in percent and in numbers in the total ;

(c) what is the share of Government debt (loans taken from foreign Governments in this total debt) ;

(d) debt service charges as percent of export as in 1980-81, 1984-85, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (estimated) ; and

(e) what will be the proportion of debt service at the end of Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The total outstanding Foreign Debt of India on Government Account, Non-Government Account, IMF Borrowings and External Commercial Borrowings at the end of March 1988 is estimated to be Rs. 54817 crores.

(b) The share of external commercial borrowings including private debt is estimated to be Rs. 12951 crores which is 23.63% of the total debt.

(c) The share of debt outstanding on Government Account is 66.90% of the total debt.

(d) and (e) Debt service ratios are calculated in terms of exports of goods and invisible earnings. This ratio in 1980-81, 1984-85 and 1987-88 works out to 9.33, 12.26 and 23.44 respectively. It is difficult to estimate accurately the debt service ratio in 1988-89 and at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan because of exchange rate variations, exports, future loans to be contracted and serviced, invisible earnings etc.

Contractors for Fencing on Indo-Pak Border

3811. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names and address of contractors employed by the CPWD and the BSF for fencing on Indo-Pak border and for road building in the said areas ; and

(b) how much amount has been earmarked for these purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE